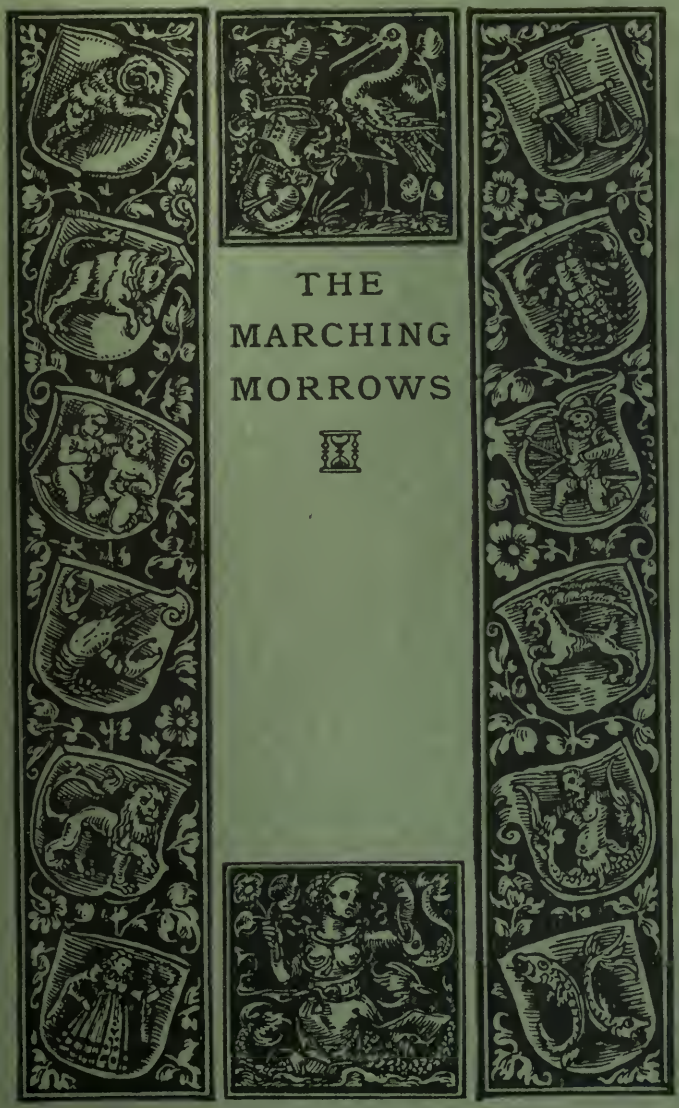

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TAKE HEART WITH THE DAY

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UNION OF ALL FOR THE
GOOD OF ALL

NOW GIRD THEE WELL FOR COURAGE,
MY KNIGHT OF TWENTY YEAR,
AGAINST THE MARCHING MORROWS
THAT FILL THE WORLD WITH FEAR!

. . . . . .

YET FEAR THOU NOT! IF HAPLY
THOU BE THE KINGLY ONE,
THEY'LL SET THEE IN THEIR VANGUARD
TO LEAD THEM ROUND THE SUN

BLISS CARMAN

January

Daughters of Time, the hypocritic Days,
Muffled and dumb like barefoot dervishes,
And marching single in an endless file,
Bring diadems and fagots in their hands.
To each they offer gifts after his will,
Bread, kingdoms, stars, and sky that holds them all.
I, in my pleached garden, watched the pomp,
Forgot my morning wishes, hastily
Took a few herbs and apples, and the Day
Turned and departed silent. I, too late,
Under her solemn fillet saw the scorn.

EMERSON

January

1

ASPIRE, break bounds, I say,
Endeavor to be good, and better still,
And best. Success is nought, endeavor's all.

BROWNING

2

PERSEVERANCE sometimes equals genius. An Eastern proverb says "Only two creatures can surmount the pyramids, the eagle and the snail."

3

IF you want knowledge you must toil for it; if good you must toil for it; and if pleasure you must toil for it. Toil is the law. Pleasure comes through toil, and not by self-indulgence and indolence. When one gets to love his work his life is a happy one.

RUSKIN

4

WILT thou seal up the avenues of ill?
Pay every debt, as if God wrote the bill.

EMERSON

5

IT matters not how much wood I burn, but what I do when I get warm.

THOREAU

January

6

EVERY day is a fresh beginning,
Listen, my soul, to the glad refrain,
And, spite of old sorrow and older sinning,
And puzzles forecasted, and possible pain,
Take heart with the day and *begin again.*

7

AND I will thread a thread through my poems
that time and events are compact,
And that all the things of the universe are perfect
miracles, each as profound as any.

. . . . . .

And I will not make a poem, nor the least part of a
poem, but has reference to the soul.

WALT WHITMAN

8

SHOULD others of thy friend speak ill,
Though meaning well, it may be, doubt them still.
Let all the world his good name rend,
Mistrust the world, but not thy friend.
Be deaf to slander, in defence not slow,
If thou heaven's gift, a friend, wouldst know.

January

9

LIFE is short, and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are travelling the dark journey with us. Oh! be swift to love, make haste to be kind!

AMIEL

10

PATRIOTISM

NOT the mere holding a great flag unfurled
But making it the goodliest in the world.

11

Bayard Taylor, born 1825

BE just at home; then write your scroll
Of honor o'er the sea,
And bid the broad Atlantic roll,
A ferry of the free.

For He that worketh high and wise,
Nor pauses in His plan,
Will take the sun out of the skies
Ere freedom out of man.

EMERSON

12

IF that thou seekest thou findest not within thee, thou wilt never find it without thee.

FROM THE ARABIAN

January

13

SOME of your ills you have cured,
The sharpest you still have survived;
But what torments of grief you've endured
From evils which never arrived.

14

A MAN is bound to think of all just excuse for his offender.

MARCUS AURELIUS

15

HE who bends to himself a joy
Does the winged life destroy;
But he who kisses the joy as it flies,
Lives in eternity's sunrise.

WILLIAM BLAKE

16

THE music that will farthest reach
And cure all ill, is cordial speech.

EMERSON

17

Benjamin Franklin, born 1706

IF a man empties his purse into his head no man can take it from him.

FRANKLIN

January

18

Daniel Webster, born 1782

LIBERTY and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable!

DANIEL WEBSTER

19

Edgar Allan Poe, born 1809

HAST thou not dragged Diana from her car?
And driven the Hamadryad from the wood
To seek a shelter in some happier star?
Hast thou not torn the Naiad from her flood,
The Elfin from the green grass, and from me
The summer dream beneath the tamarind tree?

EDGAR ALLAN POE IN ODE TO SCIENCE

20

THE moment we feel angry in controversy we have already ceased striving for truth, and begun striving for ourselves.

21

A SNEER is the weapon of the weak. Like other devil's weapons it is always cunningly ready to one's hand, and there is more poison in the handle than in the point.

LOWELL

January

22

TRUTH forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne,—
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above His own.

LOWELL

23

BETTER trust all and be deceived,
And weep that trust and that deceiving,
Than doubt one heart that if believed
Had blessed one's life with true believing.

FRANCES ANNE KEMBLE

24

IT may not be of the least consequence how you feel but it is of very great consequence how you make others feel.

25

BEFORE beginning, and without an end,
As space eternal and as surety sure,
Is fixed a Power divine which moves to good,
Only its laws endure.

January

26

SOME wants the earth; yes, an' there do be some
That 's everlastin' wantin' "Kingdom Come"—
You hang to what you 've got, an' leave the rest
To them as ain't contented here at hum.

MARY YOUNGS

27

OUR urgent need is not a greater city or country, in respect to extent and dominion, and numbers, but a greater humanity, the result of extending the individual.

ABBY MORTON DIAZ

28

OH, well, o' course, if we could shift the plan
O' Heaven and Earth, to meet the mind o' man,
We might be happy for a while—but laws!
Folks ain't been suited sence the worl' began!

MARY YOUNGS

29

WHERE are there two things so opposite and yet so nearly related, so unlike and yet so hard to be distinguished from each other, as humility and pride?

January

30

A MAN'S strength measures his duty to others, not his claim on them.

31

EVIL like a rolling stone upon a mountain top,
A child may first set off, a giant cannot stop.

TRENCH

February

Oh the dear, delightful sound
Of the drops that to the ground
From the eaves rejoicing run
In the February sun!
Drip, drip, drip, they slide and slip
From the icicles' bright tip,
Till they melt the sullen snow
On the garden bed below.
"Bless me! what is all this drumming?"
Cries the crocus, "I am coming."

CELIA THAXTER

February

1

THOU God of all! infuse light into the souls of men, whereby they may be enabled to know what is the root from which their evils spring, and by what means they may avoid them.

PRAYER OF EURIPIDES

2

EVERY article of luxury has to be paid for, not in *money* but in *labor*.

3

'TIS easy enough to be pleasant
When life flows along like a song,
But the man worth while is the man who will smile
When everything goes dead wrong.

4

AN injustice to one is a menace to all.

MONTESQUIEU

5

THE dead carry in their hands only that which they have given away.

INGERSOLL

February

6

MANY men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties.

SPURGEON

7

THE tomb is not a blind alley, but a thoroughfare. It closes in the twilight, to open with the dawn.

VICTOR HUGO

8

John Ruskin, born 1819

IT is only by labor that thought can be made healthy; and only by thought that labor can be made happy.

RUSKIN

9

THROUGH the wide world he only is alone
Who lives not for another.

10

SOW an act and reap a habit; sow a habit and reap a character; sow a character and reap a destiny.

THACKERAY

February

11

Lydia Maria Child, born 1802

AND though I 've learned some souls are base,
I would not, therefore, hate the race,
I still would bless my fellow-men,
And trust them, though deceived again.
God help me still to kindly view
The world that I am passing through.

LYDIA MARIA CHILD

12

Abraham Lincoln, born 1809

LET us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us, to the end, dare to do our duty.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

HIS heart was as great as the world. There was no room in it to hold the memory of a wrong.

EMERSON

13

LOVE peace and pursue peace. Love mankind, and bring them nearer to the Lord. The moral conduct of the world depends on three things,—truth, justice, and peace.

HILLEL *(An Israelite, 43 B. C.)*

February

14

AS happy dwellers by the sea-side hear
In every pause, the sea's mysterious sound,
The infinite murmur, solemn and profound,
Incessant, filling all the atmosphere,
Even so I hear you, for you do surround
My newly waking life, and break for aye
About the viewless shores, till they resound
With echoes of God's greatness night and day.

CELIA THAXTER

15

TALK health. The dreary, never-changing tale
Of mortal maladies is worn and stale.
You cannot charm, or interest, or please,
By harping on that minor chord, disease.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

16

THE aim in life is what the backbone is to the body; without it we are invertebrate—belong to a lower order of being—not yet man.

W. C. GANNETT

17

IT is impossible for any one to begin to learn what he thinks that he already knows.

EPICTETUS

February

18

WITHIN my earthly temple there 's a crowd;
There 's one of us that 's humble, one that 's proud;
There 's one that 's broken-hearted for his sins
And one that unrepentant sits and grins;
There 's one that loves his neighbor as himself,
And one that cares for naught but fame and pelf.
From much corroding care I should be free
If I could once determine which is me.

MARTIN

19

I KNOW not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.

WHITTIER

20

THE present moment is divinely sent,
The present duty is thy Master's will.
Oh thou who longest for some noble work,
Do thou this hour thy given task fulfil,
And thou shalt find, tho' small at first it seemed,
It is the work of which thou oft hast dreamed.

February

21

NO one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for another.

DICKENS

22

George Washington, born 1732
James Russell Lowell, born 1819

LABOR to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.

. . . . . .

It is important, likewise, that habits of thinking in a free country should inspire caution in those intrusted with its administration.

WASHINGTON

23

NEXT to the virtue, the fun in this world is what we least can spare.

24

BETWEEN simple and noble people there is always a quick intelligence; they recognize at sight and meet on better ground than the talent and skill they may possess, namely, on simplicity and uprightness.

EMERSON

February

25

NO power can die that ever wrought for Truth;
Thereby a law of Nature it became.

LOWELL

26

Victor Hugo, born 1802

COURAGE for the great sorrows of life and patience for the small ones, and then when you have accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake.

VICTOR HUGO

27

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, born 1807

LET not him that putteth his hand to the plough look backwards;
Though the ploughshare cut through the flowers of life to its fountains,
Though it pass o'er the graves of the dead and the hearths of the living,
It is the will of the Lord; and his mercy endureth forever!

LONGFELLOW

February

28

THERE are answers which in turning away wrath, only send it to the other end of the room.

George Eliot

March

The earth seems a desolate mother,—
Betrayed like the princess of old,
The ermine stripped from her shoulders,
And her bosom all naked and cold.

But a joy looks out from her sadness,
For she feels with a glad unrest,
The throb of the unborn summer
Under her bare brown breast.

CHARLES HENRY WEBB

March

1

I DISLIKE extremely the passage in which you appear to consider the disregard of individuals as a lofty condition of mind. My own experience and development deepen every day my conviction that our moral progress may be measured by the degree in which we sympathize with individual suffering and individual joy.

GEORGE ELIOT

2

THERE is no time so miserable but a man may be true.

SHAKESPEARE

3

PEOPLE who seem to enjoy their ill temper, have a way of keeping it in fine condition by inflicting privations on themselves. That was Mrs. Glegg's way: she made her tea weaker than usual this morning and declined butter.

GEORGE ELIOT

4

DO you know the meaning of goodness? I will tell you. It is first to avoid hurting anything; and then to contrive to give as much pleasure as you can.

MARY WOLLSTONECRAFT

March

5

FOR my part if I try to characterize my friends, I fail to do them perfect justice, of course; and yet the imperfect result remains representative of them, and I can't get them back again into the undefined and the ideal where they belong. One ought never to speak of the faults of one's friends; it mutilates them; they can never be the same afterwards.

W. D. Howells

6

Elizabeth Barrett Browning, born 1806

I am come to think
That God will have his work done, as you said,
And that we need not be disturbed too much.

E. B. Browning

7

IT is easy finding reasons why other people should be patient.

George Eliot

8

DON'T look for the flaws as you go through life,
And even when you find them
It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind,
And look for the virtues behind them.

March

9

NOW Dives feasted daily, and was gorgeously arrayed,
Not at all because he liked it, but because 't was good for trade.
That the people might have calico he clothed himself in silk,
And surfeited himself with cream, that they might have more milk.
He fed five hundred servants, that the poor might not lack bread,
And had his vessels made of gold, that they might have more lead;
And e'en to show his sympathy with the deserving poor,
He did no useful work himself, that they might do the more.

10

THE language of friendship is not words but meanings. It is an intelligence above language.

THOREAU

11

A CONSERVATIVE is a man who will not look at the new moon, out of respect for that ancient institution, the old one.

March

12

JUDGE not, the workings of his brain
And of his heart thou canst not see;
What looks to thy dim eyes a stain,
In God's pure light may only be
A scar brought from some well-won field,
Where thou wouldst only faint and yield.

The look, the air that frets thy sight,
May be a token that below,
The soul has closed in deadly fight
With some infernal fiery foe,
Whose glance would scorch thy smiling grace,
And cast thee shuddering on thy face.

ADELAIDE PROCTER

13

WE too often forget that we are not what we aspire to be; and that the far different thing that we *are*, is that alone by which we are known.

14

KEEP the faculty of effort alive in you by a little gratuitous exercise every day. Do every day something for no other reason than that you would rather not do it.

PROFESSOR W. JAMES

March

15

WE cannot kindle when we will
The fire that in the soul resides;
The spirit bloweth and is still,
In mystery the soul abides;
But deeds in hours of insight willed
May be in hours of gloom fulfilled.

MATTHEW ARNOLD

16

THE night has a thousand eyes,
And the day but one,
Yet the light of the bright world dies
With the dying sun.

The mind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one,
Yet the light of a whole life dies
When love is done.

D. W. BOURDILLON

17

PERFECT rest is unimpeded action.

18

ONE spring wind unbinds the mountain snow,
And comforts violets in their hermitage.

BROWNING

March

19

UNWONTED circumstances may make us all rather unlike ourselves; there are conditions under which the most majestic person is obliged to sneeze, and one's emotions are liable to be acted on in the same incongruous manner.

George Eliot

20

LIFE like war is a series of mistakes; and he is not the best Christian nor the best general who makes the fewest false steps. He is the best who wins the most splendid victories by the retrieval of mistakes.

F. W. Robertson

21

TO avenge one's self is to confess that one has been wounded; but it is not the part of a noble mind to be wounded by an injury. A great mind, and one that is conscious of its own worth, does not avenge an injury, because it does not feel it.

Seneca

22

SOCIETY has this good at least: that it lessens our conceit by teaching us our insignificance and making us acquainted with our betters.

Thackeray

March

23

COME now! cheer up an' have a cup o' tea!
Things ain't so hard 's you make 'em out to be.
Be happy while you can; time ain't so long
But what it soon will end for you an' me.

MARY YOUNGS

24

WHETHER we stumble or whether we fall, we must only think of rising again, and going on our course.

FÉNELON

25

OH, do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men! Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

26

ALL hail! ye small sweet courtesies of life, how much smoother do ye make the road of it.

HORACE WALPOLE

27

WHOEVER degrades another degrades me,
And whatever is said or done returns at last to me.

WALT WHITMAN

March

28

THE Holy Supper is kept, indeed,
In whatso we share with another's need,—
Not what we give, but what we share,—
For the gift without the giver is bare;
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,—
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and me.

LOWELL

29

IT has been well said that no man ever sank under the burden of the day. It is when to-morrow's burden is added to the burden of to-day, that the weight is more than a man can bear.

GEORGE MACDONALD

30

EASTER is the time for renewal. Dry branches clothe themselves afresh; the bare earth becomes alive with the upspringing verdure. The significance of all this is accomplishment. First the awakening, next the effort of growth, then harvest. For each one of us such should be the course of life. Ever the new birth of inspiration, growth into earnest purpose, and the fruitage as shown in exalted character and loving service.

ABBY MORTON DIAZ

March

31

IT seems very certain that the world is to grow richer and better in the future, however it has been in the past, not by the magnificent achievements of the highly gifted few, but by the patient faithfulness of the one-talented many.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

April

The grass grows bright, the boughs are swoln with blooms
Like chrysalids impatient for the air,
The shining dorrs are busy, beetles run
Along the furrows, ants make their ado;
Above, birds fly in merry flocks, the lark
Soars up and up, shivering for very joy;
Afar the ocean sleeps; white fishing-gulls
Flit where the strand is purple with its tribe
Of nested limpets; savage creatures seek
Their loves in wood and plain — and God renews
His ancient rapture. Thus He dwells in all,
From life's minute beginnings, up at last
To man.

BROWNING

April

1

AS an Antonine my country is Rome; as a man it is the world.

MARCUS AURELIUS ANTONINUS

2

ONE thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warnings.

LOWELL

3

Edward Everett Hale, born 1822

GOD has placed men in this world, not simply to dig gold, or to make clothes, or to print books, but so to do these things, as to make themselves more faithful, hopeful, and loving.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE

4

HE who follows truth carries his star in his brain.

ALGER

5

WHEN the Golden Rule is employed in governmental matters, then, and not till then, the future of nations will be sure.

KOSSUTH

April

6

TO have what we want is riches; to be able to do without is power.

GEORGE MACDONALD

7

William Wordsworth, born 1770

THOUGH nothing can bring back the hour
Of splendor in the grass, of glory in the flower,
We will grieve not, rather find
Strength in what remains behind;
In the primal sympathy
Which having been must ever be,
In the soothing thoughts that spring
Out of human suffering,
In the faith that looks through death,
In years that bring the philosophic mind.

8

FOR every false word and unrighteous deed, for cruelty and oppression, for lust and vanity, the price has to be paid at last.

FROUDE

9

THERE is no good way to do a bad deed.

April

10

ESTEEM it a great part of a good education to be able to bear with the want of it in others.

PYTHAGORAS (580 *B. C.*)

11

IT is singular how impatient men are with overpraise of others, and how patient with overpraise of themselves. Yet the one cannot hurt them and the other may be their ruin.

LOWELL

12

SELF-SACRIFICE is well enough, but don't give yourself to be melted over for the tallow trade.

GEORGE ELIOT

13

BUT now I pray for Love;
Deep love to God and man;
A living love, that will not fail
However dark His plan.

And Light and Strength and Faith
Are opening everywhere;
God only waited for me till
I prayed the larger prayer.

EDNAH D. CHENEY

April

14

HE who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare,
And he who has one enemy will meet him everywhere.

15

IF you wish to be miserable you must think about yourself.

CHARLES KINGSLEY

16

THERE is a "my secret" but never an "our secret."

17

THE devil tempts us not—'t is we tempt him, beckoning his skill with opportunity.

GEORGE ELIOT

18

KINDNESS is not thrown away—even on members of one's own family.

19

THE length to which a man's memory can go, in letting drop associations that are vital to another, can hardly find a limit.

GEORGE ELIOT

April

20

ANY coward can fight a battle when he is sure of winning; but give me the man who has the pluck to fight when he is sure of losing.

21

Charlotte Brontë, born 1816

HAPPINESS quite unshared can scarcely be called happiness; it has no taste.

CHARLOTTE BRONTË

22

NOT to correct one's fault is to make new ones.

CONFUCIUS

23

William Shakespeare, born 1564

"*He was not for an age but for all time.*"

SO on the tip of his subduing tongue
All kind of arguments and question deep,
All replication prompt and reason strong,
For his advantage still did wake and sleep:
To make the weeper laugh, the laugher weep,
He had the dialect and different skill,
Catching all passions in his craft of will.

SHAKESPEARE

April

24

WHAT makes life dreary is the want of motive.

GEORGE ELIOT

25

O GLAD am I that I was born!
For who is sad when flaming morn
Bursts forth, or when the mighty night
Carries the soul from height to height.

For joy attunes all beating things,
With me each rhythmic atom sings
From glow to gloom, from murk till morn,
O glad am I that I was born.

HARRIET PRESCOTT SPOFFORD

26

Alice Cary, born 1820

NO light that through the ages shines
To worthless work belongs.
Men dig in thoughts as they dig in mines
For the jewels of their songs.

ALICE CARY

27.

NO part of life's education is more useful, if turned to proper account, than the discipline of failure.

April

28

OH when I am safe in my sylvan home
I tread on the pride of Greece and Rome.
And when I am stretched beneath the pines,
Where the evening star so holy shines,
I laugh at the love and the pride of man,
At the sophists' schools and the learned clan,
For what are they all in their high conceit,
When man in the bush with God may meet.

EMERSON

29

RECONCILIATION

WORD over all, beautiful as the sky,
Beautiful that war and all its deeds of carnage must in time be utterly lost.

WALT WHITMAN

30

THE beautiful is the Essence of Life. It is also the grand symphony of the world which can be interpreted only by those who possess a profound knowledge of its laws, and of the relation between discords and harmonies.

May

Now the bright Morning-star, day's harbinger,
Comes dancing from the east, and leads with her
The flowery May, who from her green lap throws
The yellow cowslip, and the pale primrose.
Hail, bounteous May, thou dost inspire
Mirth, and youth, and warm desire;
Woods, and groves are of thy dressing,
Hill, and dale doth boast thy blessing.
Thus we salute thee with our early song,
And welcome thee, and wish thee long.

MILTON

May

1

LET us put flowers into the hands of our friends instead of placing them upon their coffins.

2

FOR here we are, and if we will but tarry a little, we shall come to learn that here is best. See to it only that thyself art here, and art and nature, hope and faith, angels and the Supreme Being shall not be absent from the chamber where thou sittest.

3

IT must not be said to man, Enjoy; life is the right to happiness: but rather, Work; life is a duty; do good without thinking of the consequences to yourself; he must not be taught, Go each according to his wants, or go each according to his passions, but rather, Go each according to his Love.

MAZZINI

4

THE higher the state of civilization, the more completely do the actions of one member of the social body influence all the rest, and the less possible is it for any one man to do a wrong thing without interfering more or less with the freedom of all his fellow-citizens.

HUXLEY

May

5

THERE is this good thing about women: they share your riches just as cheerfully as they do your poverty.

CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER

6

NOT suppression, but expression, is the true life.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

7

Robert Browning, born 1812

ONE who never turned his back but marched breast forward,
Never doubted clouds would break,
Never dreamed, though right were worsted, wrong would triumph,
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,
Sleep to wake.

BROWNING

8

THIS is the law of benefits between men: the one ought to forget at once what he has given, and the other ought never to forget what he has received.

SENECA

May

9

THERE are many cases in life where to convince, even of error, is a breach of the charity that we owe to one another.

10

THE world ever loves to charge those as mad who, in devotion to a great cause, exceed its cold standard of moderation. Singular, that excess in virtue should incur this reproach, while excess in vice is held but as a weakness of our nature.

WILLIAM WARE

11

HE only is advancing in life, whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker, whose spirit is entering into living peace.

RUSKIN

12

WE'LL one another treat like gods,
And all the faith we have
In virtue and in truth, bestow
On either, and suspicion leave
To gods below.

THOREAU

May

13

THE truth is that to work insatiably, requires much less mind than to work judiciously, and less courage than to refuse work that cannot be done honestly.

HELPS

14

THE threads our hands in blindness spin
No self-determined plan weaves in;
The shuttle of the unseen powers
Works out a pattern not as ours.

WHITTIER

15

ALL the doors that lead inward to the secret place of the Most High, are doors outward,—out of self—out of smallness—out of wrong.

MACDONALD

16

JOG on, jog on, the foot-path way,
And merrily hent the stile-a:
A merry heart goes all the day,
Your sad tires in a mile-a.

SHAKESPEARE

May

17

LIFE is kind to us not as it brings us joys but as it moulds our human nature into the likeness of the divine.

18

JUSTICE is the fundamental virtue of Social Life.

DAVIDSON

19

FORTUNES fled I mourn, but more
Time that 's thrown away;
Tho' the King all else restore,
Who gives back the Day?

20

WHEN we cease to listen to the cries of self-seeking and self-care, then the voice that was there all the time enters into our ears.

21

IF we only did half the kind things we think of doing, or even half we talk of, we might seem to other people more as we do to ourselves.

May

22

WE scatter seeds with careless hand,
And dream we ne'er shall see them more;
But for a thousand years
Their fruit appears,
In weeds that mar the land,
—Or healthful store.

SIR PHILIP SIDNEY

23

Margaret Fuller, born 1810

ALL the good I have ever done has been by calling on every nature for its highest.

MARGARET FULLER OSSOLI

24

STRIVE manfully; habit is overcome by habit.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

25

Ralph Waldo Emerson, born 1803

EVERY man takes care that his neighbor shall not cheat him. But a day comes when he begins to care that he do not cheat his neighbor. Then all goes well. He has changed his market cart into a chariot of the sun.

EMERSON

May

26

AND none but the Master shall praise us,
And none but the Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money,
And no one shall work for fame;
But all for the joy of the working,
And each, in his separate star,
Shall paint the thing as he sees it,
For the God of things as they are.

RUDYARD KIPLING

27

Julia Ward Howe, born 1819

I BELIEVE freedom to be the first condition of moral life. It needs, however, to be accompanied by much instruction. It is like money in this, that in order to profit by it one must know how to use it properly.

JULIA WARD HOWE

28

AND God is within and around me,
All good is forever mine;
To all who seek it is given,
And it comes by a law divine.

ANCIENT HINDU

May

29

MY brother Saxons have, as is well known, a terrible way with them of wanting to improve everything but themselves off the face of the earth. I have no such passion for finding nothing but myself everywhere. I like variety to exist and to show itself to me.

MATTHEW ARNOLD

30

THERE is no end to the sky,
And the stars are everywhere,
And time is eternity,
And the here is over there;
For the common deeds of the common day
Are ringing bells in the far away.

31

Walt Whitman, born 1819

IN this broad earth of ours,
Amid the measureless grossness and the slag,
Enclosed and safe within its central heart,
Nestles the seed perfection.

. . . . . .

I do not call one greater and one smaller,
That which fills its period and place is equal to any.

WALT WHITMAN

June

'Nuff sed, June's bridesman, poet o' the year,
Gladness on wings, the bobolink, is here;
Half-hid in tip-top apple-blooms he swings,
Or climbs aginst the breeze with quiverin' wings,
Or, givin' way to 't in a mock despair,
Runs down, a brook o' laughter, thru the air.

LOWELL

June

1

O BELOVED Pan and all ye other gods of this place, grant me to be beautiful in the inner man, and that whatever outward things I have may be at peace with those within. May I deem the wise man rich, and may I have such a portion of gold as none but a prudent man can either bear or employ.

THE PRAYER OF SOCRATES

2

WHAT wealth it is to have such friends that we cannot think of them without elevation.

THOREAU

3

DO not affront the morning's freshness with a catalogue of ailments.

EMERSON

4

SHOW us, dear June, that not in vain
Our lives need be!
Show us that we
Must also wait through frost and rain
To bloom like thee.

LUCY LARCOM

June

5

IT is to him who is most active, always feeling, thinking, working, caring for people and for things, that life seems short.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

6

WHEN science is learned in love, and its powers are wielded by love, they will appear the supplement and continuation of the material creation.

EMERSON

7

IT is no great matter to live lovingly with good-natured, humble, and meek persons; but he who can do so with froward, wilful, ignorant, peevish, and perverse hath true charity.

THOMAS À KEMPIS

8

NICE distinctions are troublesome; it is much easier to make up your mind that your neighbor is good-for-nothing than to enter into all the circumstances which would oblige you to modify that opinion.

GEORGE ELIOT

June

9

WE have nothing to enjoy until we have something to impart.

10

THERE is a difference between trying to please and giving pleasure. Give pleasure; lose no chance of giving pleasure, for that is the ceaseless triumph of a truly loving spirit.

DRUMMOND

11

O LEAVE to God at sight of sin incensed to be!
Sinner, if thou art grieved, that is enough for thee.

TRENCH

12

HABIT is a cable; we weave a thread of it every day, and at last we cannot break it.

HORACE MANN

13

AFTER-WITS are dearly bought,
Let thy fore-wit guide thy thought.

SOUTHWELL

June

14

Harriet Beecher Stowe, born 1811

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE

SHE told the story, and the whole world wept
At wrongs and cruelties it had not known
But for this fearless woman's voice alone.
She spoke to consciences that long had slept:
Her message, Freedom's clear reveille, swept
From heedless hovel to complacent throne.
Command and prophecy were in the tone,
And from its sheath the sword of justice leapt.
Around two peoples swelled a fiery wave,
But both came forth transfigured from the flame.
Blest be the hand that dared be strong to save,
And blest be she who in our weakness came—
Prophet and priestess! At one stroke she gave
A race to freedom and herself to fame.

PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR

15

LOVE finds the need it fills.

GEORGE ELIOT

16

LET us make use of our friends by being of use to them.

June

17

HAPPINESS is a wayside flower that grows along the highway of usefulness.

RICHTER

18

MEN rise the higher as their task is high,
The task being well achieved.

GEORGE ELIOT

19

WHILE saying what you would do in case of another, forget not what you should do while in your own.

IVAN PANIN

20

BETTER attempt much and fail than attempt nothing and succeed.

21

THE man who does right need n't worry if somebody catches him at it.

22

THERE can be no concert in two, where there is no concert in one.

EMERSON

June

23

IF my way of thinking and acting is wrong, others will correct it by a better way. But for myself, I must be true to the light that shines for me.

EMERSON

24

A POOR man with a single handful of flowers heaped the alms bowl of Buddha, which the rich could not fill with ten thousand bushels.

CHINESE

25

'TIS the time o' the year the marsh is full of sound,
And good and glorious it is to smell the living ground.
The crimson-headed catkin shakes above the pasture-bars,
The daisy takes the middle field, and spangles it with stars,
And down the bank into the lane the primroses do crowd,
All colored like the twilight moon, and spreading like a cloud!

LOUISE IMOGEN GUINEY

June

26

LET me never fall into the vulgar error of dreaming that I am persecuted whenever I am criticised.

EMERSON

27

Celia Thaxter, born 1835

REFRESHED and glad I feel the full flood-tide
Till every inlet of my waiting soul,
Long-striving, eager hope beyond control,
For health and strength at last is satisfied.
And you exalt me like the sounding sea
With ceaseless whispers of eternity.

CELIA THAXTER

28

'TIS easy to make friends among angels when you dwell high.

BASFORD

29

NOT the cry, but the flight of the wild duck, leads the flock to fly and follow.

CHINESE PROVERB

June

30

Day by day
New pollen on the lily-petal grows,
And still more labyrinthine buds the rose.

Browning

July

To one who has been long in city pent,
'T is very sweet to look into the fair
And open face of heaven,—to breathe a prayer
Full in the smile of the blue firmament.
Who is more happy, when, with heart's content,
Fatigued he sinks into some pleasant lair
Of wavy grass, and reads a debonair
And gentle tale of love and languishment?
Returning home at evening, with an ear
Catching the notes of Philomel,—an eye
Watching the sailing cloudlet's bright career,
He mourns that day so soon has glided by:
E'en like the passage of an angel's tear
That falls through the clear ether silently.

KEATS

July

1

EDUCATION is a stronger protection to government than a standing army.

VOLNEY

2

ONE must be poor to know the luxury of giving.

GEORGE ELIOT

3

A LITTLE avoided, a little surrendered, a little overcome; and lo! the rough and jagged edges slipped into their places, and life became an exquisite mosaic.

4

Nathaniel Hawthorne, born 1804

THE GREATNESS OF A NATION

WHEN the long account is made up, it will not be the number of our square miles, or the amount of our steel production, of the piled-up wealth of our millionaires, that will determine whether American Government has been a success or a failure. That question will turn upon the fibre of our citizenship, upon the standards of our public life, upon the kind of men the people shall have accepted as their fitting leaders.

BALTIMORE NEWS

July

5

RECALL to thy mind this conclusion, that rational animals exist for one another, and that to endure is a part of justice.

MARCUS AURELIUS

6

A COLORED man in Alabama, one hot day in July, while he was at work in a cotton-field, suddenly stopped, and, looking toward the skies, said, "O Lawd, de cotton am so grassy, de work am so hard, and the sun am so hot, dat I b'lieve dis darky am called to preach."

OUTLOOK

7

ACCEPT no man for his fine talk, reject no man for his old clothes; stand him out in the sunlight and average him. You'll be sartain to find somethin' good.

8

WHATE'ER thou lovest, man, that too become thou must;
God if thou lovest God; dust if thou lovest dust.

THE CHERUBIC PILGRIM

July

9

I CONCEIVE the state of the blessed to be a total forgetfulness or absence of self, and to consist in beholding the good and the happiness of others, so that every individual will enjoy the whole happiness of heaven.

REV. JOHN CLOWES

10

WE have careful thoughts for the stranger,
And smiles for the sometime guest,
But oft for "our own"
The bitter tone,
Though we love "our own" the best.

MARGARET E. SANGSTER

11

MUCH madness is divinest sense
To a discerning eye;
Much sense the starkest madness.
'T is the majority
In this, as all, prevails.
Assent, and you are sane;
Demur,—you 're straightway dangerous,
And handled with a chain.

EMILY DICKINSON

July

12

Henry David Thoreau, born 1817

THERE 'S nothing in the world I know
That can escape from love,
For every depth it goes below,
And every height above.
It waits as waits the sky,
Until the clouds go by,
Yet shines serenely on with an eternal day,
Alike when they are gone or when they stay.

THOREAU

13

HOWEVER, we must put up with our contemporaries, since we can neither live with our ancestors nor our posterity.

GEORGE ELIOT

14

ONE must perfect his life to a ripe fruit.

FROEBEL

15

THE greatest gift a hero leaves his race is to have been a hero.

GEORGE ELIOT

July

16

HAPPINESS pursued is never overtaken, because, little as we are, God's image makes us so large that we cannot live within ourselves, nor even for ourselves and be satisfied.

CABLE

17

ON the whole, and in the vast majority of cases, the action by which we can do the best for future ages is of the sort which has a certain beneficence and grace for contemporaries.

GEORGE ELIOT

18

IMMEDIATELY relinquish any advantage that has been gained without equity.

VEDA *(Hindu)*

19

WHATEVER you would make habitual practise it.

EPICTETUS

20

ONE conquers a bad habit more easily to-day than to-morrow.

CONFUCIUS

July

21

MORALS rule the world, but at short distances the senses are despotic.

EMERSON

22

WHEN all our hopes are gone
'T is well our hands must still keep toiling on
For others' sake;
For strength to bear is found in duty done,
And he is blest indeed who learns to make
The joy of others cure his own heart-ache.

MARIA UPHAM DRAKE

23

MANNERS are what vex or soothe, corrupt or purify, exalt or debase, barbarize or refine us, by a constant, steady, uniform, insensible operation, like that of the air we breathe.

BURKE

24

MEN imagine that they communicate their virtue or vice only by overt actions, and do not see that virtue or vice emit a breath every moment.

EMERSON

July

25

BE not careless in deeds, nor confused in words, nor rambling in thought.

MARCUS AURELIUS

26

HE who wishes to secure the good of others has already secured his own. . . . One forgives everything to him who forgives himself nothing.

CHINESE PROVERBS

27

IN vain we call old notions fudge,
And bend our conscience to our dealing;
The Ten Commandments will not budge,
And stealing will continue stealing.

LOWELL

28

SPEECH is often barren; but silence also does not necessarily brood over a full nest.

GEORGE ELIOT

29

IF it is not seemly, do it not; if it is not true, speak it not.

MARCUS AURELIUS

July

30

LOVE took up the harp of Life, and smote on all
the chords with might;
Smote the chord of Self, that trembling passed in music
out of sight.

TENNYSON

31

FIRST say to yourself what you would be; and
then do what you have to do.

EPICTETUS

August

Green little vaulter in the sunny grass,
Catching your heart up at the feel of June:
Sole voice that's heard amidst the lazy noon,
When even the bees lag at the summoning brass,
And you, warm little housekeeper, who class
With those who think the candles come too soon,
Loving the fire, and with your tricksome tune
Nick the glad silent moments as they pass;
O sweet and tiny cousins, that belong,
One to the fields, the other to the hearth,
Both have your sunshine; both, though small, are strong,
At your clear hearts: and both seem given to earth
To ring in thoughtful ears this natural song—
In doors and out, summer and winter, Mirth.

To the Grasshopper and the Cricket

LEIGH HUNT

August

1

Maria Mitchell, born 1818

EVERY formula which expresses a law of nature is a hymn of praise to God.

MARIA MITCHELL

2

A CRANK is one who insists on trying to convince me, instead of letting me convince him.

3

THERE is something better than getting on in the world—that is, getting above the world.

4

WHAT a battle a man must fight everywhere, to maintain his standing army of thoughts, and march with them in orderly array through the always hostile country. How many enemies there are to sane thinking.

THOREAU

5

A TRUST is a large body of capitalists, wholly surrounded by water.

THOMAS B. REED

August

6

Alfred Tennyson, born 1809

. . . Ah! when shall all men's good
Be each man's rule, and universal Peace
Lie like a shaft of light across the land?

TENNYSON

7

WHAT I kept, I lost.
What I spent, I had.
What I gave, I have.

8

IT is right to be contented with what we have, but not with what we are.

9

THERE is a sort of subjection which is the peculiar heritage of largeness and of love; and strength is often only another name for willing bondage to irremediable weakness.

GEORGE ELIOT

10

THE path of a good woman is strewn with flowers, but they rise behind her steps — not before them.

August

11

THOUGH a woman tempted man to eat, I have never heard that Eve had anything to do with his drinking; he took to that, of his own notion.

HOLMES

12

IT seems to be difficult for any one to take in the idea that two truths cannot conflict.

MARIA MITCHELL

13

Lucy Stone, born 1818

THE spirit of her life-work is shown in her last words to her daughter. "Make the world better."

14

THERE can be little doubt that in respect of justice and kindness, the advance of civilized man has been less marked, than in respect of quick-wittedness.

JOHN FISKE

15

THERE is no beautifier like the wish to scatter joy and not pain around us.

August

16

THE highest compact we can make with our fellows is, Let there be truth between us two, forevermore.

EMERSON

17

HE spent his health to get his wealth,
And then with might and main,
He turned about and spent his wealth,
To get his health again.

18

THE man who is determined to keep others fast and firm, must have one end of the bond about his own breast—sleeping or waking.

LANDOR

19

VIRTUE is a sort of health and beauty and good habit, of the soul, and vice is its disease, deformity and infirmity.

PLATO

20

THERE are those who can give more pleasure in a cordial hand-shake, than others can give in a learned talk about love and good cheer.

August

21

IT is evident that the part of the soul by which we learn, is wholly intent to know the truth; and as to wealth and glory, it cares for these least of all.

PLATO

22

HE lost the game, no matter for that,
He kept his temper, and swung his hat
To cheer the winner; a better way
Than to lose his temper and win the day.

23

MY duty is what no one else can do for me. Another may do my task better than I, but not my duty.

JOSIAH ROYCE

24

SINCE trifles make the sum of human things,
And half our miseries from our foibles springs,
O let the ungentle spirit learn from hence,
A small unkindness is a great offence.

25

ALL good conversation, manners and action, come from a spontaneity which forgets usages and makes the moment great.

EMERSON

August

26

READ the great books, and let the little ones take care of themselves.

DEAN STANLEY

27

WHO has no inward beauty, none perceives,
Though all around is beautiful.

RICHARD HENRY DANA

28

Leo Tolstoi, born 1828

THE sole meaning of life is to serve humanity by contributing to the Kingdom of God, which can be done only by the recognition of the worth of every man.

TOLSTOI

29

Oliver Wendell Holmes, born 1809

BUILD thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea.

HOLMES

August

30

COLD words freeze people, and hot words scorch them, and bitter words make them bitter, and wrathful words make them wrathful. Kind words make people good-natured. Though they do not cost much, yet they accomplish much.

PASCAL

31

TO seek truth for the sake of its service in uses, beauty for the joy of its charms, and goodness for the love of its divinity, are the ends of all inward culture.

W. ALGER

September

O Earth! thou hast not any wind that blows
Which is not music; every weed of thine
Pressed rightly flows in aromatic wine;
And every humble hedgerow flower that grows,
And every little brown bird that doth sing,
Hath something greater than itself, and bears
A living Word to every living thing,
Albeit it hold the message unawares.
All shapes and sounds have something which is not
Of them: a Spirit broods amid the grass;
Vague outlines of the Everlasting Thought
Lie in the melting shadows as they pass;
The touch of an Eternal Presence thrills
The fringes of the sunsets and the hills.

RICHARD REALF

September

1

NEVER fear to bring the sublimest motive to the smallest duty, and the most infinite comfort to the smallest trouble.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

2

NOWHERE do we need toleration so much as with the intolerant.

IVAN PANIN

3

WHENEVER men arrive at the knowledge of the fact that what one man gains at another's cost or loss is never a real gain, and that the same thing is true of national advantages acquired upon similar conditions, a great advance will be made towards a Christian democracy.

E. B. SEDGWICK

4

Phœbe Cary, born 1824

YOU never said a word to me
That was cruel under the sun;
It is n't the thing you do, darling,
But the things you leave undone.

PHŒBE CARY

September

5

THINK on this doctrine,—that reasoning beings were created for the sake of one another; that to be patient is a part of justice;—and that men sin without intending it. MARCUS AURELIUS

6

HE who would do good to another must do it in minute particulars;
General good is the plea of the scoundrel, hypocrite, and flatterer. WILLIAM BLAKE

7

IF I were an American, as I am an Englishman, while a foreign troop was landed in my country I would never lay down my arms,—never! never! never! WILLIAM PITT

8

A RIGHTEOUS man regardeth the life of his beast. SOLOMON

9

IF we have not ruled ourselves by the rudder, we shall be ruled by the rock. CORNISH PROVERB

September

10

NEVER allow yourself to do a wrong thing because it seems trifling, nor to neglect doing a good action because it seems to be small.

CHINESE MAXIM

11

BE what you wish others to become. Let yourself, and not your words, preach.

AMIEL'S JOURNAL

12

BLESSED is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us wordy evidence of the fact.

GEORGE ELIOT

13

LIVE a day once and render all days following immortal thereafter.

ALCOTT

14

IT is required that we should aim at living in the community of nations, as well-bred people live in society, gracefully acknowledging the rights of others.

GRANT DUFF

September

15

THE prayer of Dr. Lyman Beecher was: "O Lord, grant that we may not despise our rulers; and grant, O Lord, that they may not act so we can't help it!"

16

O MANKIND'S God! most silent and most lowly
Is wisdom's entrance to our hearts; with less
Of conscious power than self-forgetfulness
And an enduring patience.

17

BROTHERHOOD is a fact not needing to be built up but recognized.

IDA HULTON

18

O TRUE believers, carefully avoid entertaining a suspicion of another, for some suspicions are a crime; and inquire not too curiously into other men's failings.

KORAN

19

WHAT is great in man is that he is a bridge and not a goal.

FRIEDRICH ZARATHUSTRA

September

20

TO a rational being it is the same thing to act according to nature and according to reason.

MARCUS AURELIUS

21

WOE to the people who delegate their defence to a class specially trained and kept for this purpose; it creates a standing army, the most terrible tool in the hands of the governing class, and inevitably used by them to control the people.

22

HAPPINESS is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops yourself.

23

ENVY detects the spots in the clear orb of light,
And love, the little stars in the gloomiest, saddest night.

TRENCH

24

THE most valuable result of education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you ought to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like to do it or not.

HUXLEY

September

25

ALAS! to her high place thro' sea-deep tears,
Earth wins her long, slow, agonizing way!
The base, triumphant Despot of a day
Is weary Anarch of a thousand years.
And yet this many a spring the boughs are sheen
With the almost forgotten bloom! Call, Sea,
Unto all faithful souls, Doubt not,
Aspire to lead earth's struggling thought
Still up, bring what from full hearts gushes free,
He who doth blend and shape the whole finds nothing mean.

(Hymn to the Sea) ANNE WHITNEY

26

To do so no more is the truest repentance.

LUTHER

27

A MAN'S own good breeding is his best security against other people's ill manners.

CHESTERFIELD

28

Frances Willard, born 1839

IT is not enough that women should be home-makers, but they must make the world itself a large home. FRANCES WILLARD

September

29

GO make thy garden fair as thou canst,
Thou workest never alone;
For another whose plot is next to thine
May see it and mend his own.

30

FOUR things a man must learn to do
If he would make his record true:
To think without confusion clearly;
To love his fellow-men sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely;
To trust in God and Heaven securely.

HENRY VAN DYKE

October

The month of carnival of all the year,
When nature lets the wild earth go her way
And spend whole seasons on a single day.
The springtide holds her white and purple dear;
October, lavish, flaunts them far and near;
The summer charily her reds doth lay
Like jewels on her costliest array,
October, scornful, burns them on a bier.

HELEN HUNT JACKSON

October

1

IN the drift of things and forces,
Comes the better from the worse,
Swings the whole of Nature upward;
Wakes, and thinks—a universe.

There will be more life to-morrow,
And of life, more life that *knows;*
Though the sum of Force be constant,
Yet the Living ever grows.

LOUISA S. BEVINGTON

2

NOT how much talent have I, but how much will to use the talent that I have.

3

WHEN you have spoken the word, it reigns over you; but while it is unspoken, you reign over it.

ARABIC PROVERB

4

PLATO again and again comes back to the position that the end of the state is the production of men and not of wealth.

ELY

October

5

TRUTH is as impossible to be soiled by any outward touch as the sunbeam.

MILTON

6

BY the street of By and By, one arrives at the house of Never.

7

EVER since there has been so great a demand for type, there has been much less lead to spare for cannon.

BULWER

8

THE greatest of faults is to be conscious of none.

CARLYLE

9

DAYS change so many things, yes, hours,
We see so differently in sun and showers,
Mistaken words to-night
May be lamented by to-morrow's light;
Let us be patient, for we know
There's but a little way to go.

October

10

THE most magnificent sign of wisdom is continued cheerfulness.

EMERSON

11

NAE treasures nor pleasures
Could make us happy lang;
The heart ay's the part ay,
That makes us right or wrang.

ROBERT BURNS

12

WHEN you dispute with a fool, he is very certain to be similarly employed.

13

REMEMBER what Simonides said,—that he never repented that he had held his tongue, but often that he had spoken.

PLUTARCH

14

IF troubles were put to market, I'd sooner buy old than new. It's something to have seen the worst.

GEORGE ELIOT

October

15

REMEMBER this—that there is a proper dignity and proportion to be observed in the performance of every act of life.

MARCUS AURELIUS

16

WHEN the outlook is not good, try the uplook.

17

THE most difficult of the fine arts is the fine art of living together.

DAVID SWING

18

PERISH dark memories!
There's light ahead;
This world's for the living,
Not for the dead.

. . . .

Down the great currents
Let the boat swing;
There was never winter
But brought the spring.

EDWARD ROWLAND SILL

October

19

WHEN there is much beauty and strength we can afford to be silent about slight defects; we refine our tastes more effectually by venerating the grand and lovely, than by detecting the little and mean.

MARGARET FULLER OSSOLI

20

IN any troubles and misunderstandings which you may experience as arising from your relations with others, do not forget the Friendly Board of Arbitration — Love, Sincerity, Truth.

21

I 'M willin' a man should go tollable strong
Agin wrong in the abstract, fer thet kind o' wrong
Is ollers unpop'lar an' never gits pitied,
Because it's a crime no one never committed;
But he mus' n't be hard on partickler sins,
Coz then he'll be kickin' the people's own shins.

LOWELL

22

THE gentle minde by gentle deeds is knowne;
For a man by nothing is so well bewrayed
As by his manners.

SPENSER

October

23

THE evening of life brings with it its own lamps.

JOUBERT

24

KEEP holy watch with silence, prayer, and fasting,
Till morning break and all the bugles play:
Unto the One aware from everlasting
Dear are the winners—thou art more than they.

Forth from this Peace on manhood's quest thou goest
Flushed with resolve and radiant in mail;
Blessings supreme for men unborn thou sowest,
O knight-elect, O soul ordained to fail.

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25

WHILE the Kings of eternal evil
Yet darken the hills about,
Thy part is with broken sabre
To rise on the last redoubt;

To fear not sensible failure,
Nor covet the game at all,
But fighting, fighting, fighting,
Die driven against the wall!

LOUISE IMOGEN GUINEY

October

26

THE only way to have a friend is to be one.

EMERSON

27

MY wealth is common: I possess
No petty province, but the whole;
What 's mine alone is mine far less
Than treasure shared by every soul.

DAVID A. WASSON

28

BE good, sweet maid, and let who will be clever;
Do noble things, not dream them, all day long;
And so make life, death, and that vast forever,
One grand, sweet song.

KINGSLEY

29

John Keats, born 1795

A THING of beauty is a joy forever;
Its loveliness increases; it will never
Pass into nothingness; but still will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing.

KEATS

October

30

A MAN'S life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

GOSPEL OF LUKE

31

"ALL things come to him who waits"—on himself.

November

Dear Lord! kind Lord!
Gracious Lord! I pray
Thou wilt look on all I love,
Tenderly to-day!
Weed their hearts of weariness;
Scatter every care,
Down a wake of angels' wings
Winnowing the air.

Bring unto the sorrowing
All release from pain;
Let the lips of laughter
Overflow again;
And with all the needy
O divide, I pray,
This vast treasure of content
That is mine to-day.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

November

1

HEAVEN has more gates than Thebes ever had, I believe, and I cannot suppose that these people or any others must borrow my key.

HOLMES

2

HE preaches well that lives well.

SANCHO PANZA

3

William Cullen Bryant, born 1794

. . . A THOUSAND cheerful omens give
Hope of yet happier days whose dawn is nigh.
He who has tamed the elements, shall not live
The slave of his own passions; he whose eye
Unwinds the eternal dances of the sky,
And in the abyss of brightness dares to span
The sun's broad circle, rising yet more high,
In God's magnificent works his will shall scan—
And love and peace shall make their paradise with man.

BRYANT

4

HEAVEN is theirs who are trying to make a heaven of this earth.

November

5

AN ounce of cheerfulness is worth a pound of sadness to serve God with.

FULLER

6

OH, if we draw a circle premature,
Heedless of far gain,
Greedy for quick returns of profit, sure,
Bad is our bargain.

BROWNING

7

THINK often of men's worthy ways,
Speak rarely of their bad ones;
Sing freely of your happy days,
Keep silent of your sad ones.

W. R. ALGER

8

TO-MORROW AND TO-DAY

TO-MORROW hath a rare, alluring sound;
To-day is very prose; and yet the twain
Are but one vision seen through altered eyes.
Our dreams inhabit one; our stress and pain
Surge through the other.

RICHARD BURTON

November

9

BY taking revenge a man is but even with his enemy, but in passing it over he is superior.

10

"BREDREN," said Parson Black, earnestly, "dere am some folks in which de still, small voice ob conscience keeps a-gettin' stiller an' smaller, until at las' it'd hab ter l'arn de deef an' dumb langwinge if it wants ter attract dir attention!"

11

THE reaction of matter on spirit is something for which we do not always make due allowance.

BOEHME

12

BE noble! and the nobleness that lies in other men, sleeping but never dead, will rise in majesty to meet thine own.

13

Robert Louis Stevenson, born 1850

THERE is no duty we so much underrate as the duty of being happy.

R. L. STEVENSON

November

14

THE more we know, the better we forgive—
Whoe'er feels deeply feels for all who live.

MADAME DE STAËL

15

IT is surely better to pardon too much than to condemn too much.

GEORGE ELIOT

16

BE cheerful. Give this lonesome world a smile,
We stay, at longest, but a little while;
Hasten we must, or we shall lose the chance
To give the gentle word, the kindly glance;
Be sweet and tender, that is doing good;
'T is doing what no other good deed could.

17

STAND close to all, but lean on none,
And if the crowd desert you,
Stand just as fearlessly alone
As if a throng begirt you;
And learn what long the wise have known,
Self-flight alone can hurt you.

WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF

November

18

IT is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.

EMERSON

19

I HOLD him great who for love's sake
Can give with generous earnest will;
Yet he who takes for love's sweet sake,
I think I hold more generous still.

20

WHY thus longing, thus forever sighing,
For the far-off, unattained, and dim,
While the beautiful, all around thee lying,
Offers up its low, perpetual hymn?

HARRIET WINSLOW SEWALL

21

THE hardest duty bravely performed soon becomes a habit, and tends in due time to transform itself into a pleasure.

HOLMES

November

22

Marian Evans Lewes Cross, born 1819

O MAY I join the choir invisible
Of those immortal dead who live again
In minds made better by their presence;
. . . . . May I reach
That purest heaven,—be to other souls
The cup of strength in some great agony,
Enkindle generous ardor, feed pure love,
Beget the smiles that have no cruelty,
Be the sweet presence of a good diffused,
And in diffusion ever more intense!
So shall I join the choir invisible,
Whose music is the gladness of the world.

GEORGE ELIOT

23

GREATNESS lies not in being strong, but in the right using of strength.

HENRY WARD BEECHER

24

LIFE is not so short but that there is always time enough for courtesy.

EMERSON

November

25

TALK happiness; the world is sad enough
Without your woes. No path is wholly rough:
Look for the places that are smooth and clear
And speak of these, to rest the weary ear
Of earth, so hurt by one continuous strain
Of human discontent, and grief, and pain.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

26

MAKE a living, but remember there is one thing better than making a living—making a life.

GOV. WILLIAM E. RUSSELL

27

THE human heart becomes softened by hearing of instances of gentleness and consideration.

PLUTARCH

28

William Blake, born 1757

A TRUTH that's told with bad intent
Beats all the lies you can invent.

November

29

Louisa May Alcott, born 1832

WRITTEN OF THOREAU

FOR such as he there is no death;
His life the eternal life commands;
Above man's aims his nature rose:
The wisdom of a just content
Made one small spot a continent,
And turned to poetry Life's prose.

LOUISA MAY ALCOTT

30

FOR the sake of my child, I must hasten to save
All the children on earth from the jail and the grave;
For so, and so only, I lighten the share
Of the pain of the world that my darling must bear—
Even so, and so only!

CHARLOTTE PERKINS STETSON

December

Announced by all the trumpets of the sky,
Arrives the snow, and driving o'er the fields,
Seems nowhere to alight: the whited air
Hides hills and woods, the river, and the heaven,
And veils the farm-house at the garden's end.
The sled and traveller stopped, the courier's feet
Delayed, all friends shut out, the housemates sit
Around the radiant fireplace, enclosed
In a tumultuous privacy of storm.

EMERSON

December

1

THE time has come. The right has found its formula: human federation.

VICTOR HUGO

2

THE way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear.

SOCRATES

3

THE common problem, yours, mine, every one's,
Is not to fancy what were fair in life
Provided it could be,—but finding first
What may be, then how to make it fair
Up to our means; a very different thing.

BROWNING

4

Thomas Carlyle, born 1795

A MAN with a half volition goes backwards and forwards, makes no way on the smoothest road. A man with a whole volition advances on the roughest, and will reach his purpose even if there be little wisdom in it.

CARLYLE

December

5

DOES N'T the world look to you like a wreck?
Yes, but like the wreck of a bursting seed.

6

IT is worth more to the world to have a man live right than to die happy.

7

REASONING well leads to acting well; justness in the mind becomes justice in the heart.

VICTOR HUGO

8

THE man who has governed his thoughts has achieved a victory over himself; he has mastered his passions, schooled his affections, and put his body under him.

JOSEPH JEFFERSON

9

THE ill-time truth we might have kept—
Who knows how sharp it pierced and stung!
The word we had not sense to say—
Who knows how grandly it had rung.

EDWARD ROWLAND SILL

December

10

Peace is the virtue of civilization; war is its crime.

Victor Hugo

11

WHY ever make man's good distinct from God's,
Or, finding they are one, why dare distrust?

Browning

12

WHAT men want is not talent, it is purpose; or in other words not the power to achieve, but the will to labor.

Bulwer

13

Phillips Brooks, born 1835

Energy, love, and faith, those make the perfect man.

Phillips Brooks

14

RICH through my brethren's poverty.
Such wealth were hideous! I am blest
Only in what they share with me,
In what I share with all the rest.

Lucy Larcom

December

15

THE signs are bad when folks commence
A-findin' fault with Providence,
And balkin' 'cause the earth don't shake
At every prancin' step they take.
No man is great till he can see
How less than little he would be
Ef stripped to self, and stark and bare
He hung his sign out anywhere.

LOWELL

16

I FIND the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving. . . . But we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor.

HOLMES

17

John Greenleaf Whittier, born 1807

OH make Thou us, through centuries long,
In peace secure, in justice strong;
Around our gift of freedom draw
The safeguards of thy righteous law:
And, cast in some diviner mould,
Let the new cycle shame the old.

WHITTIER

December

18

IS thy cruse of comfort failing? Scanty fare for one will often make a royal feast for two.

ELIZA CHARLES

19

Mary A. Livermore, born 1820

GOD made man and woman two halves of one whole, equal, but different. He made them for the same cause, and to the same ultimate end. There is but one standard of morality for both, and but one law of right, which is supreme and from which there is no appeal.

MARY A. LIVERMORE

20

IT is the little rift within the lute,
That by and by will make the music mute,
And ever widening slowly silence all.

TENNYSON

21

NOR knowest thou what argument
Thy life to thy neighbor's creed has lent.

EMERSON

December

22

YOU hadn't ought to blame a man for things he
has n't done,
For books he has n't written, er fights he has n't won;
The waters may look placid on the surface all aroun',
An' yet there may be undertow a keepin' of him down.

Since the days of Eve and Adam, when the fight of
life began,
It ain't been safe, my brethren, fer to lightly blame
a man;
He may be tryin' faithful fer to make his life a go,
An' yet his legs git tangled in the treach'rous under-
tow.

23

ONLY the prism's obstruction shows aright
The secret of a sunbeam, breaks its light
Into the jewelled bow, from blankest white,
So may a glory from defect arise.

BROWNING

24

A SCRATCH in a stick of timber may lead to its splitting asunder, and a word rashly spoken, and unretracted, may have in it the voice of doom.

E. B. SEDGWICK

December

25

A CHRISTMAS WISH

WHAT blessing can I wish you, O my friends,
Save that the joyful calm of Christmas-tide
Should wrap your hearts so close that never jar
Of the world's care or grief can enter in,
But only love, to keep you pitiful,
And faith, and hope, to keep you strong and true;
"A Merry Christmas" and "A Glad New Year,"
I wish you, and may God's exceeding love
Enfold you all, until His tender hand
Shall lead you safely Home, to love's own land!

IN the pure soul although it sing or pray,
The Christ is born anew from day to day;
The life that knoweth Him shall hide apart
And keep eternal Christmas in the heart.

ELIZABETH STUART PHELPS

26

SILENCE is one great art of conversation.

HAZLITT

27

Go forward, face new times, the better day.

BROWNING

December

28

EZ fer war, I call it murder,—
There you hev it plain an' flat;
I don't want to go no furder
Than my Testyment fer that;
God hez sed so plump an' fairly,
It's ez long ez it is broad,
An' you've gut to git up airly
Ef you want to take in God.

LOWELL

29

A GREAT man's path is strewn with the things he has learned to do without.

PHILLIPS BROOKS

30

LET me no wrong or idle word
Unthinking say;
Set Thou a seal upon my lips
Just for to-day.

So for to-morrow and its needs,
I do not pray,
But guard me, guide me, keep me, Lord,
Just for to-day.

December

31

MEN who see *into* their neighbors are very apt to be contemptuous; but men who see *through* them find something lying behind every human soul which it is not for them to sit in judgment on, or to attempt to sneer out of the order of God's manifold universe.

HOLMES

Whoever thinks a faultless piece to see,
Thinks what ne'er was, nor is, nor e'er shall be.

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